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INFO AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

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SUBJ: WHO IS SWEDISH AMBASSADOR'S URUGUAYAN ASYLEE?

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1. CHILEAN MEDIA CONVULSED BY AP REPORT FROM MONTEVIDEO THAT WOMAN CLAIMING TO BE "THE REAL" CONSUELO ALONSO FREIRIA, NAME USED BY WOMAN INVOLVED IN NOV 25 INCIDENT STARRING SWEDISH AMB EDELSTAM (REFTELS), HAD APPEARED AT EL PAIS NEWSPAPER OFFICE IN MONTEVIDEO TO DENOUNCE SANTIAGO USER OF HER NAME AS AN IMPOSTER. ON BASIS OF HASTILY TAKEN FINGERPRINTS AND QUERY TO MONTEVIDEO, CHILEAN INVESTIGATION DEPT'S INTERPOL OFFICE CLAIMS (ACCORDING TO NEWS STORIES) THAT WOMAN NOW IDENTIFIED AS MIRTHA FERNANDEZ VAZIOLI, AKA LA LUCY, AN ACTIVE TUPAMARO AND WIDOW OF TUPAMARO LEADER HERNAN PACURULL, WHO ESCAPED FROM MONTEVIDEO PRISON ALONG WITH 38 OTHER WOMEN ON JULY 30, 1971. SHE REMAINS IN CHILEAN GOVT CUSTODY IN

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HOSPITAL SECTION OF SANTIAGO WOMEN'S PRISON. GOC ANNOUNCED IT

IS INVESTIGATING HER ACTIVITIES IN CHILE AND MEANWHILE WILL
SUSPEND IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS ORIGINAL DECISION TO EXPEL HER
UNDER CUSTODY OF UNHCR REP.

2. GOC REPLIED TO NOV 26 SWEDISH PROTEST NOTE BUT DID NOT
MAKE REPLY PUBLIC. INFORMED SOURCES ARE QUOTED IN SANTIAGO
PRESS TO EFFECT THAT REPLY WAS LOW-KEY AND BASICALLY A RECAP-
ITULATION OF INCIDENT FROM GOC VIEWPOINT, BUT UNDER SEC FONRELS
CARVALLO QUOTED AS CHARACTERIZING GOC NOTE AS ENERGETIC
REJECTION OF SWEDISH NOTE AND FORMAL PROTEST AGAINST ACTIONS
OF EDELSTAM, ADDING THAT THOSE REFLECT A DESIRE FOR PUBLICITY,
FOR MAGNIFYING IMAGINED EVENTS, AND FOR CREATING A REAL
PROBLEM. MEANWHILE, EDELSTAM IS STRONGLY DENOUNCED IN
SANTIAGO PRESS. SOME COMMENTATORS ARE REITERATING DEMANDS
THAT EDELSTAM BE DECLARED PNG.
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